



# The Minute Man Messenger

The official newsletter of  
Minute Man National Historical Park  
2010 Edition

## Recovery Act Provides Jobs for Youth at Minute Man National Historical Park



L-R: Guy Riddle, Oscar Murillo, Charitza Mateo, and Clayton Fountain work on the historic John Nelson House

This year, three major projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) are underway. Each includes a focus on training and jobs for young people. The projects are part of the President’s plan to create jobs and complete projects that create lasting value for the American people. The National Park Service (NPS) is making investments to conserve America’s timeless treasures – our stunning natural landscapes, our monuments to liberty, the icons of our culture and heritage – while helping American families and communities prosper again. An important focus of the NPS work is employing youth and promoting community service.

Major rehabilitation of the historic John Nelson House and Barn in Lincoln is being completed by a team of youth

from Groundwork Somerville which has been working alongside NPS craftsmen since last fall. When complete, these structures will be used for visitor and educational programs and activities. Groundwork USA works with the NPS to provide educational and work opportunities for young people so they will understand and appreciate the natural and cultural resources of the parks.

A Community Crew from the Student Conservation Association will work alongside Groundwork Somerville youth during spring and summer to rehabilitate historic agricultural fields, stone walls, hedgerows, and install livestock fencing. This work will support and expand farming in the park while better preserving the site of the first battle of the American Revolution.



Michele Delfonso and Tiffany William of “Branching Out” at the Buttick Gardens,

The historic and much-loved Buttrick Gardens, adjacent to the North Bridge Visitor Center, will also benefit from the care of an intern from the Student Conservation Association this year. This work will support the rejuvenation of extensive perennial and ornamental plantings. One of the best views of the North Bridge battleground is from the overlook within the gardens.

Last year, a team of young people working with the NPS Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, cleared the way for an ARRA funded project which repaired failing walls, walkways, stairs, and ornamental wrought iron fences and gates. This spring through fall, major trees and shrubs will be rejuvenated or replaced, completing a long deferred resource preservation and safety project.

By encouraging a life-long commitment to protect our environment and cultural heritage, we have a unique and important role in helping young people understand and connect to the land and our history. NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis has said, “We need to help all Americans – especially young people – discover a personal connection to their national parks... The National Park System stands as the collective memory of where we have been, the sacrifices we have made to get here, and who we mean to be as a people. By investing in the preservation, interpretation, and restoration of these symbolic places, we offer hope and optimism to each generation of Americans.”



SCA Intern Garrett Cloer on duty at North Bridge

### Welcome...



to Minute Man National Historical Park! In 2009, the park celebrated its 50th Anniversary and the extraordinary progress we have made, over 5 decades, with the support of our partners. Today, vibrant new partnerships are helping the park to achieve its full potential in the areas of increased access to historic sites and structures, expanded agricultural activity, innovative programs for youth engagement, expansion of our amazing volunteer program and exciting educational activities.

You will see how Minute Man NHP is benefitting from resource preservation and safety projects funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These projects, while generating jobs and aiding the nation’s economic recovery, are also making significant changes at sites within the park including: the famous Buttrick Gardens overlooking the North Bridge, the beautiful agrarian landscape in the Battle Road Unit and the historic John Nelson House and Barn. In addition, they will improve public safety and access and create lasting value for the American people. Central to all of these projects is the engagement of youth in doing the actual work. Involving young people in sustaining America’s national parks will create life-long commitments to the protection of our national park system.

Considerable time, sustained commitment and enduring patience have been required to bring MMNHP to this point in its history...the same will be required going forward. As stewards of your national park, we want to thank you for your past support and ask for your continued support in the future. We hope to welcome you back often in the years ahead as we continue our efforts to protect one of our nation’s most significant places.

Nancy A. Nelson  
Superintendent

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## Minute Man Visitor Center

Open daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 20 - October 31, 2010

Open daily, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. November 1 - 28, 2010  
(Closed Thanksgiving Day, November 25, Winter Hours TBA)

We recommend that you begin your visit to the park at Minute Man Visitor Center. Our award-winning multimedia theater show, “The Road to Revolution” provides an excellent introduction to the park story. Pick up a park map and plan your visit. Exhibits include a 40-foot mural of the April 19 battle. Museum Store.

(781) 674 - 1920

250 North Great Road, Lincoln MA (for mapping only)



## Hartwell Tavern

Open Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
April 17 - May 23, 2010 (including Patriot's Day)

Open daily, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. May 29 - October 31, 2010  
(will close at 4:30 p.m., October 31)

Home to Ephraim and Elizabeth Hartwell and their children, this setting evokes the story of families who lived along the Battle Road of April 19, 1775. Visit an authentic period home and tavern. Meet costumed interpreters, observe historic craft and musket firing demonstrations and learn about the daily lives of those who experienced the American Revolution first hand.

(781) 674 - 1920

136 North Great Road, Lincoln MA (for mapping only)



## The Wayside, Home of Authors & Wayside Visitor Center

The Wayside and Visitor Center Open Wednesday - Sunday,  
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. May 29 - October 31, 2010

This is the home where Nathaniel Hawthorne ended his writing days and where Louisa May Alcott penned her first works. The Wayside sheltered both slave owners and fugitive slaves; it is on the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. Harriet Lothrop, pen name Margaret Sidney, was the author of the *Five Little Peppers* books. She and her daughter Margaret Lothrop preserved and protected Concord's history, including The Wayside.

Begin your visit in the Wayside Visitor Center, in the barn. The visitor center exhibits are free. The house is open by guided tour only (see schedule, page 3). House tours \$5.00. Bookstore.

(781) 674 - 1920, 455 Lexington Road, Concord, MA



## North Bridge & North Bridge Visitor Center

Open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. March 27 - October 31, 2010

Open daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. November 1 - 28, 2010  
(Closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, Winter Hours TBA)

On April 19, 1775 Colonists fired “the shot heard round the world” in defense of their rights. Today, Concord's North Bridge and the Minute Man statue are international symbols of liberty. The North Bridge Visitor Center is a five minute walk up the hill from the North Bridge. In the 1911 Buttrick Mansion, the Visitor Center features exhibits, a museum store, and adjacent gardens.

(978) 318 - 7810, 174 Liberty Street, Concord MA

# Minute Man National Historical Park

## Guided Tours and Program Schedule

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<p><b>“The Road to Revolution” Multimedia Theater Presentation</b> Our award-winning mulitmedia theater presentation provides an excellent introduction to the park story. Start your visit here! <b>Minute Man Visitor Center, 25 minutes FREE</b></p>	<p>Daily, March 20 - October 31, 2010 Every half hour, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Daily November 1 - 28, 2010 (except Thanksgiving) Every half hour, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>“Who Were the Minute Men?” Ranger Program</b> Join a costumed Ranger at Hartwell Tavern and learn about America’s first soldiers. The program includes a musket firing demonstration. People with hearing impairments or hearing aids should exercise caution. <b>Hartwell Tavern, 20 minutes - FREE</b></p>	<p>Daily, May 29 - October 31, 2010 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., &amp; 4:15 p.m. (Last program will be at 4:00 on October 31.)</p>
<p><b>The Wayside: Home of Authors: Guided House Tour</b> Join a Ranger for a guided tour. Tours are limited to 10 people. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, free for people 16 years or younger. America the Beautiful: the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes are honored. Group tours are \$4.00 per person. For more information, please call (781) 674 - 1920 or (978) 318 - 7863. For Group Reservations, call (978) 318 - 7826 <b>The Wayside: Home of Authors, 40 minutes - \$</b></p>	<p>Wednesday - Sunday, May 29 - October 31, 2010 10:00 &amp; 11:00 a.m., 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, &amp; 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>“Some Were For Making A Stand” Ranger Program</b> Join a Ranger at the benches by the North Bridge. Learn about the opening battle of the American Revolution on April 19, 1775 and the legacy of this event in American history. <b>North Bridge, 20 minutes - FREE</b></p>	<p>Daily, April 17 - November 11, 2010 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 26 - September 6, 2009 10:30 &amp; 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 &amp; 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>“Primary Evidence: What Really Happened at the North Bridge?” Ranger Program</b> Experience an active and engaging examination of first-hand accounts, including diaries, depositions and the battlefield itself. What do you do when the stories don’t match? Decide for yourself whose story you believe. <b>Program starts at North Bridge Visitor Center. 30 minutes - FREE</b></p>	<p>Daily, June 26 - September 6, 2010 2:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Home of Captain William Smith: Open House</b> Visit the home of Captain William Smith, commander of the Lincoln minute company. The house, dating from the late 1600s, has been restored by the National Park Service. Enjoy the unique architectural features of the house. <b>The closest parking is the Hartwell Tavern parking lot. FREE</b></p>	<p>Thursday - Monday, June 26 - September 6, 2010 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Saturday &amp; Sunday October 2 - 31, 2010</p>
<p><b>“The Regulars are Out!” Guided Ranger Tour</b> Join a Ranger for a walking tour exploring the east end of the Battle Road Trail. See “Parker’s Revenge,” the “Minute Man Boulder,” and the site of Paul Revere’s capture which ended his “midnight ride.” Wear comfortable walking shoes. Less than one mile. <b>Tour starts at Minute Man Visitor Center, 40 minutes - FREE</b></p>	<p>Thursday - Monday, June 26 - September 6, 2010 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>“Muster Like It’s 1775” Ranger-led Activity</b> <i>All Aspiring Heroes Brave and Bold!</i> Have you ever wondered what it was like to train for battle in 1775? Participate in a militia drill with wooden muskets. You will be challenged to master REAL battle drill formations from 1775. (The militia drill is limited to 30 participants.) <b>Meet at Hartwell Tavern, 20 minutes - FREE</b></p>	<p>Daily June 26 - September 6, 010 10:15 a.m.</p>
<p><b><u>Special Topic Programs</u></b></p> <p><b><i>The Farmers of Brooks Village: Symbols of Independence and Industry</i></b> Park Ranger Judith Broggi presents the story of colonial farmer Samuel Brooks and his kin who lived in an area known as Brooks Village. Discover how his story illustrates the daily life of a farmer in 1775, the meaning of kinship, and the remarkable prosperity of ordinary people living in an extraordinary time. <b>At the Samuel Brooks House, 1175 Lexington Road, Concord, 30 minutes - FREE</b></p>	<p>Saturday, June 26th at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 7th at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, September 18th at 1:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b><i>The British Redcoat</i></b> Why were the “Regulars” in Massachusetts? Why did they come to Concord? What happened on April 19, 1775 from the perspective of the King’s Army? Join Park Ranger Roger Fuller to explore the answers to these questions. <b>At Minute Man Visitor Center, 30 minutes, FREE</b></p>	<p>Sunday, July 25th at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, August 29th at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 10th at 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b><i>The Jacob Whittemore House: Witness to Revolution</i></b> At the time of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, Jacob Whittemore had lost three wives, each time shattering his chances for stable business alliances. Join Park Ranger Polly Kienle to explore the house to get a glimpse of the Whittemores’ strategies for survival in an era that challenged even the luckiest families. <b>At the Jacob Whittemore House, Lexington (behind Minute Man Visitor Center), 30 minutes - FREE</b></p>	<p>Sunday, July 11th at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, August 8th at 1:00 p.m.</p>

# Minute Man National Historical Park 2010 Special Event Calendar

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## April 2010 / Patriot's Day Events



Bloody Angle Tactical Demonstration, April 17th

### Saturday, April 10th

#### *Meriam's Corner Exercise*

**Meriam's Corner, Concord**

**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

The Town of Concord, joined by area minute companies, fife and drum units, and the Concord Independent Battery, pay remembrance to the fight at Meriam's Corner that marked the beginning of the six-hour running battle back to Boston. The historic Meriam House will be open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### *Paul Revere Capture Ceremony*

**Paul Revere Capture Site, Lincoln**

**Time: 3:00 p.m.**

The Lincoln Minute Men and the Town of Lincoln, joined by other reenactment units, observe the historic capture of Paul Revere with fife and drum music and a musket fire salute. This year marks the 150th anniversary of Longfellow's epic poem "Paul Revere's Ride." For a complete listing of events celebrating the famous patriot and poem, visit [www.paulreveresride.org](http://www.paulreveresride.org)

### Wednesday, April 14th

#### *Colonial Tavern Dinner*

**At Noah Brooks Tavern**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

The Friends of Minute Man National Park are hosting a Colonial Tavern Dinner on Wednesday, April 14. Experience an authentic 18th century menu, music, and colonial gaming as re-enactors recreate an evening at a tavern a few days before the battle march. The event will be held at the Park's historic Noah Brooks Tavern. Tickets are \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members. Advance tickets only as seating is limited to 50 attendees. Tickets available at [www.friendsofminuteman.org](http://www.friendsofminuteman.org). For more information, please call (978) 318-7822

### Friday, April 16th

#### *An Artist's Perspective - Don Troiani and "Concord Bridge, The Nineteenth of April 1775"*

**At Minute Man Visitor Center, Rt. 2A. Lexington**

**7:00 p.m.**

Minute Man National Historical Park is pleased to present world-renown military artist, Don Troiani. Those who are familiar with Troiani's paintings know they are highly dramatic and meticulously researched. During this presentation, Mr. Troiani will discuss the creation of his new painting, *Concord Bridge, The Nineteenth of April 1775*, and what sources he used to bring "the shot heard round the world," to life on canvas.

### Saturday, April 17th

#### *Battle Road*

**Minute Man NHP**

**8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Hartwell Tavern open: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Captain William Smith House open: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Battle Road 2010 will feature events in Concord, Lincoln, and Lexington. Activities will include musket and cannon firing, period music, battle demonstrations and family activities. The schedule of events is as follows:

- **Commemoration of the North Bridge Fight**

**North Bridge, Concord**

**Time: 8:30 a.m.**

British and Colonial reenactors stage a battle demonstration of the fateful North Bridge Fight, April 19, 1775, when the "shot heard round the world" was fired.

- **Parker's Revenge**

**Behind Minute Man Visitor Center, Lexington**

**Time: 10:30 a.m.**

The Lexington Militia fire ceremonial volleys at the site where Captain Parker's men fought in the afternoon of April 19, 1775.

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### April 17th, *Battle Road* Continued

- **Bloody Angle Battle Demonstration**

**Hartwell Tavern Area**

**Time: 12:30 p.m.**

Nearly 300 Colonial and British Reenactors will present a battle demonstration representing tactics used during the running fight back to Boston on April 19th 1775. The demonstration will cover over a half a mile of the Battle Road, beginning near "Bloody Angle" to the Samuel Hartwell House site.

- **Tower Park Battle Demonstration**

**Tower Park, Lexington**

**Time: 4:00 p.m.**

British and Colonial reenactors stage a Revolutionary War battle demonstration, using period appropriate battle tactics and weapons.

### Sunday, April 18th

#### *Living History at Hartwell Tavern*

**At Hartwell Tavern**

**Times: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Our Battle Road activities continue at Hartwell Tavern as Park Rangers and volunteer reenactors conduct living history demonstrations including drill and musket firing, throughout the day.

#### *Barrett Farm Open House*

**At Col. James Barrett House, 448 Barrett's Mill Rd. Concord MA**

**Times: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. April 18th and 19th**

Visit the Barrett Farm and the progress being made in its restoration. The Barrett Farm was a key objective of the British march on Concord and its owner was Colonel James Barrett, commander at the Old North Bridge and responsible for the supplies in the region.

### Monday, April 19th [Patriot's Day]

#### *Lexington Battle Reenactment and Parade*

**Lexington Green**

**Time: 5:30 a.m.**

The Town of Lexington celebrates the first shots of the American Revolution with a battle reenactment of the early-morning engagement between the town's militia and the British regulars. The Lexington parade starts at 2:00 p.m.

#### *Dawn Salute, North Bridge Remembrance Ceremony*

**North Bridge, Concord**

**5:45 a.m., 7:30 a.m.**

The Concord Minute Men and the Concord Independent Battery observe the opening battle of the Revolution in a 21 gun musket and cannon salute at 6:00 a.m. Following this, at 7:30 a.m. join park staff and volunteers at the North Bridge for commemorative speeches and wreath laying.

#### *British "Mourn Arms" Ceremony and Concord Parade*

**North Bridge, Concord**

**Time: 8:30 a.m.**

British reenactors will conduct a very moving "Mourn Arms" ceremony in honor of their war dead. The Concord Parade will arrive at North Bridge around 9:30 with ceremonies featuring Minute Man companies, British reenactors and music groups. NOTE: All of the roads in the center of town are closed to vehicles beginning at 8:30 a.m. (High water may change parade route)

#### *Arrival of the Sudbury Militia*

**At North Bridge, Concord**

**Time: 10:30 a.m. (approximately)**

The Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute will make their annual march to North Bridge from the Town of Sudbury, in honor of their fellow townsmen who made the same march on April 19, 1775. They will fire three musket volleys off North Bridge as a soldierly salute.

### Thursday, April 22nd and Saturday, April 24th

#### *MBTA/Earth Day: National Parks Only a T-Ride Away!*

##### *Discord in Concord*

**Tour gathers at the train station in Concord, 90**

**Thoreau St. (Fitchburg Line)**

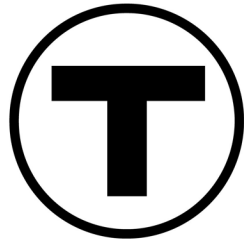
**Time: Thursday at 2:00 p.m.**

**Saturday at 12:00 p.m.**

**90 minute tour, 1.5 miles each way**

Did you know that there are 12 National Parks in the greater Boston area that can be reached via the MBTA?

Between April 21-25, 2010 these sites are offering special programs that start at the train station or trolley stop with a ranger to guide you to each one. ***Discord in Concord*** is one of the special tours offered in conjunction with this program. This walking tour will compare and contrast how the residents of Concord, Massachusetts chose to defy the laws of the land on April 19, 1775 and through their participation in the Underground Railroad after the Revolution. For more programs and locations, visit [www.nps.gov/mima/t2nps.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mima/t2nps.htm)



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The Guild of Historic Interpreters presents Battle Road Heroes  
April 24th and October 9th



The U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty, May 31st

## Saturday, April 24th Continued

### *Junior Ranger Day*

Minute Man and  
North Bridge Visitor Centers and Hartwell Tavern  
Times: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Have fun exploring Minute Man National Historical Park with your Junior Ranger Day Booklet to guide you. Take part in a variety of activities including story time, "Hat's Off!" in our Reader's Theater, and militia drill with wooden muskets. When you are finished, show your work to a Ranger to earn your new badge. For program times and details, visit [www.nps.gov/mima/forkids](http://www.nps.gov/mima/forkids)



### *Battle Road Heroes*

Hartwell Tavern Parking Area, Lincoln

Times: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Tours leave every 15 minutes.

Walk down a candle-lit path to the past. Listen to the personal stories of residents who lived along the Battle Road on April 19, 1775. Join Captain William Smith, the Hartwells, drovers, musicians and His Majesty's Soldiers for this special evening of theater and history. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Admission: \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per family. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Minute Man National Park. Children wearing their Minute Man NHP Junior Ranger Badges are welcome to attend the program for free.

## May 2010

### Friday & Saturday, April 30th & May 1st

William Diamond Fife and Drum Muster

Minute Man Visitor Center

Times: Friday Tattoo, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Saturday Muster, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public. Enjoy 18th century music, pageantry and entertainment as 25 fife and drum corps from around the country march and perform 18th century military music. For more information, visit [williamdiamondjrs.org](http://williamdiamondjrs.org)

### Saturday and Sunday, May 15th and 16th

*His Majesty's 40th Reg't of Foot*

At Hartwell Tavern

Times: 9:30 - 5:30 on Saturday, 9:30 - 4:30 on Sunday

How did the British Army really function and fight during the American Revolution? What lessons did they learn from the fighting at Lexington and Concord? Visit Hartwell Tavern, temporary headquarters of the 40th Regiment to learn about the tactics, weapons, camp life and armies on the march.

### Saturday, May 22nd

*The Lincoln Minute Men Come Home*

At Hartwell Tavern

Times: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join us as we welcome the Lincoln Minute Men to Hartwell Tavern, home of Lincoln Sergeant John Hartwell and Private Isaac Hartwell. Activities will include drill and musket firing, fife and drum music, period crafts, children's games, and a pretend muster with wooden muskets. Tours of the Capt. William Smith House and Bloody Angle will be offered.

### Saturday, May 22nd

*Wild Flower Walk*

At North Bridge Visitor Center

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join Richard Primack, Professor of Biology at Boston University, on a wild flower exploration. Let's see if plants are flowering earlier than when Henry David Thoreau made his observations.

### Saturday, May 29th

*Visit with Nathaniel Hawthorne*

The Wayside, Concord

Times: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Nathaniel Hawthorne will take a break from his writing to receive guests on the porch of The Wayside. Enjoy informal conversation about his new home and new job. Nathaniel Hawthorne will be portrayed by Rob Velella, independent literary scholar. (Rain location: piazza room.)

### Saturday and Sunday, May 29th & 30th

*Music, Minute Men, and the Making of America*

At Hartwell Tavern

Times: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fife and drum music was an essential element of 18th century military life. Come and learn firsthand the role of music in the Revolution. This special event features the Stow Minute Men, a family oriented Revolutionary War reenactment group. In addition to music and musket demonstrations, you will have the opportunity to learn about the home front during the Revolution, take part in a special 18th century school session and period games.

### Monday, May 31

*Memorial Day Concert featuring the U.S.A.F. Band of Liberty*

At Minute Man Visitor Center

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Minute Man National Historical Park is pleased to present The U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty at Minute Man Visitor Center for a very special Memorial Day concert. Visitors are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Come and listen to stirring patriotic music on the day set aside to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

## June 2010

### Saturday, June 5th

*Battle Road Trail Walk*

Meet at Minute Man Visitor Center

Time: 12:30

Join a Park Ranger for a 3 1/2 hour guided walk along the historic Battle Road Trail. Learn about the events of April 19, 1775, landscape changes through time, and the American Revolution from the perspective of the Concord Authors. Meeting at the Minute Man Visitor Center at 12:30, we will shuttle to Meriam's Corner to begin the tour. Bring plenty of water!

### Saturday and Sunday, June 12th & 13th

*Riverfest 2010 - Musketaquid: The People of the Marsh Grass River*

At North Bridge

Time: 2:00 p.m.

In April 1999 Congress designated 29 miles of the Sudbury Assabet and Concord Rivers as Wild and Scenic. Minute Man NHP will celebrate Riverfest with a special program about the original inhabitants of "Musketaquid," the place we now call Concord. For more information and a list of Riverfest events, visit [www.sudbury-assabet-concord.org](http://www.sudbury-assabet-concord.org)

### Saturday, June 12th

*Long Arm of the Law*

At Hartwell Tavern

Times: 12:00, 1:00, & 2:45 p.m.

What kind of crimes came before the local Magistrate in the early 1770s? Come to the Hartwell Tavern and meet the Magistrate and the Constable, as well as a motley group of offenders. Will the defendants be fined, sentenced to be flogged, or perhaps exonerated?

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The Ladies of Refined Taste and 10th Massachusetts Regiment present Market Fair and Militia Muster, July 24th



The Colonel James Barrett House, late 1800's  
Visit during Colonel James Barrett's 300th Birthday, Saturday, July 31st

**Sunday, June 13th**  
***Abigail Adams Meets Captain William Smith***  
**At the Captain William Smith House**  
**Time: 2:30 p.m.**

Join Park Ranger Michael Ryan as the controversial Lincoln figure Captain William Smith, commander of the Lincoln Minute Men on April 19, 1775, and the only brother of Abigail Adams, as he is visited by his sister Abigail portrayed by Park Volunteer Joyce Murray. They will discuss events of the day as well as family matters. Ample parking is available at the Hartwell Tavern parking area.

**Sunday, June 13th**  
***Concord Band: A Solstice Celebration***  
**At The Old Manse, Concord**  
**Time: 2:00 p.m.**

An entertaining array of summer-themed music will be performed on the beautiful grounds of the Old Manse, adjacent to Minute Man National Park and the Old North Bridge. Bring a picnic and a chair and spend the afternoon celebrating summer with us! **(Rain date June 20th at The Performing Arts Center, 51 Walden St. Concord)**

**Sunday, June 20, 2010**  
***Family Bike Ride along the Battle Road Trail***  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

The Friends of Minute Man National Park and the New England Mountain Bike Association will lead a family bike ride along the Battle Road trail stopping at historical sites along the way. FREE. Registration is required: [www.gbnemba.org](http://www.gbnemba.org). For information, contact Philip Keyes, (800) 576-3622 or [pk@nemba.org](mailto:pk@nemba.org).

**Saturday, June 26th**  
***Town Meeting: Let Your Voice Be Heard!***  
**At North Bridge**  
**Times: 1:30 & 3:00 p.m.**

Word has recently reached the town of Concord about the turbulence in Boston and the destruction of the East India tea. Will the town vote to support the Boston patriots and ban the consumption of tea? You will have the opportunity to debate the issues with Concord residents of 1774 portrayed by local historic reenactors. In the spirit of a true New England town meeting, you are encouraged to let your voice be heard!

## July 2010

**Saturday, July 3rd**  
***Battle Road Trail Walk***  
**Meet at Minute Man Visitor Center**  
**Time: 12:30**  
(Repeat of June 5th program)

**Saturday, July 3rd**  
***Revolution at the Doorstep – Exploring Meriam's Corner***  
**Meriam House, Lexington Road, Concord**  
**Times: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

There are many unanswered questions regarding the fighting at Meriam's Corner. Join a Park Ranger for an exploration of this important action in the first battle of the American Revolution, and a tour of the Meriam House, itself a witness of history.

**Sunday, July 4th**  
***The Shot Heard Round the World***  
**At North Bridge**  
**Times: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

*The Concord Hymn* was written by Ralph Waldo Emerson for the dedication of the first North Bridge monument on July 4, 1837. From that day on, "the shot heard round the world" was associated with the opening battle of the American Revolutionary War. Join park rangers and volunteers as we re-dedicate this monument in period style, with patriotic orations, musket salutes, and the singing of *The Concord Hymn*.

**Saturday, July 10th**  
***Long Arm of the Law***  
**At Hartwell Tavern**  
**Times: 12:00, 1:00, & 2:45 p.m.**  
(repeat of June 12th program)

**Saturday, July 17th**  
***Town Meeting: Let Your Voice Be Heard!***  
**At North Bridge**  
**Times: 1:30 & 3:00 p.m.**  
(Repeat of June 26th program)

**Saturday, July 24th**  
***Market Fair and Militia Muster***  
**At Hartwell Tavern**  
**9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

In colonial New England, militia training days often doubled as social events. Visit Hartwell Tavern and experience an important aspect of life in a colonial town. Volunteer reenactors will stage military drill and musket firing demonstrations, an 18th century market fair, period competitions, and more.

**Saturday, July 31st**  
***Colonel James Barrett 300th Birthday***  
**At North Bridge and the Colonel Barrett Farm**  
**(448 Barrett's Mill Rd. Concord MA.)**  
**Times: Opening Ceremony at North Bridge, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Activities at Barrett Farm, 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Come celebrate the 300th birthday of Colonel James Barrett at his restored home. Activities will include a reenactment of the 1775 British search of the house, period craft demonstrations, house tours, cartridge making, musket salutes, field plowing demonstrations, and fife and drum music performed by Middlesex County Volunteers. Plenty for all ages.

## August 2010

**Saturday, August 7th**  
***Battle Road Trail Walk***  
**Meet at Minute Man Visitor Center**  
**Time: 12:30 p.m.**  
(Repeat of June 5th program)

**Saturday, August 7th**  
***Revolution at the Doorstep – Exploring Meriam's Corner***  
**Meriam House, Lexington Road, Concord**  
**Times: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**  
(Repeat of July 3rd program)

**Saturday, August 14th**  
***Runaway Runway***  
**At Hartwell Tavern**  
**Times: 1:30 & 2:45 p.m.**

In colonial times, when servants or slaves ran away from their masters, the master posted an advertisement in the newspaper offering a reward for their return which included a description of what they were wearing when last seen. The Ladies of Refined Taste, a group of historical reenactors and scholars using actual runaway ads, will recreate the clothing and appearance of these poor unfortunates in a lively, informative, and highly entertaining "fashion show" of those who would have rather remained hidden.

**Saturday, August 21st**  
***Long Arm of the Law***  
**At Hartwell Tavern**  
**Times: 12:00, 1:00, & 2:45 p.m.**  
(Repeat of June 12th program)

# Minute Man National Historical Park 2010 Special Event Calendar

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The Guild of Historic Interpreters presents “The Long Arm of the Law” at Hartwell Tavern, June 12th, July 10th, and August 21st



The Job Brooks House, Minute Man National Historical Park. Visit this and other historic homes in the park during “Battle Road Homes Open House / Historic Trades Day” Saturday, September 18th

**Sunday, August 22nd**  
***Abigail Adams Meets Captain William Smith***  
**At the Captain William Smith House**  
**Time: 2:30 p.m.**  
(Repeat of June 13th program)

**Saturday, August 28th**  
***Tavern Talk***  
**At Hartwell Tavern**  
**Times: 1:30 & 2:45 p.m.**  
It's late summer, 1774 and you are a guest at Hartwell Tavern. Join Dr. Charles Russel, a man of questionable loyalties (portrayed by Park Ranger Michael Ryan), and other characters from the period for a discussion on educational funding, the Provincial Congress, and a total boycott of British goods. Be sure to bring your voice and brush up on your debating skills as this can get rather loud!

## September 2010

**Saturday, September 4th**  
***Battle Road Trail Walk***  
**Meet at Minute Man Visitor Center**  
**Time: 12:30 p.m.**  
(Repeat of June 5th program)

***Concord Celebrates its 375th!***  
**Saturday and Sunday, September 11th & 12th**

***Concord 375th Parade***  
**Concord Center**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**  
Concord Celebrates its 375th birthday with a parade, music and fireworks. For more information, contact the Concord Chamber of Commerce: (978) 369 - 3120 or visit [www.concordchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.concordchamberofcommerce.org)

***Captain David Brown's Concord Minute Company***  
**At North Bridge**  
**Times: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
On April 19, 1775, Captain Brown and his men helped drive the British soldiers from North Bridge, within sight of the Brown family home. Today, this company is faithfully recreated by a group of historical reenactors known as The New England Campaigners. They will be encamped upon the North Bridge battlefield this weekend, engaging in drill and musket firing demonstrations and other military duties.

**Saturday, September 18th**  
***Battle Road Homes Open House/Historic Trades Day***  
**Minute Man National Historical Park**  
**Times: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
This event offers a rare opportunity to see inside the restored colonial homes along the Battle Road in the park. Visit the Meriam House, Sam Brooks House, Noah Brooks Tavern, Job Brooks House, Captain William Smith House, and the Jacob Whittemore House to explore different trades and tales of the colonial period including a joiner, blacksmith, tailor, printer, cordwainer, and cooper, along with spinning, dyeing and weaving, agriculture and archaeology. Pick up informational materials at Minute Man and North Bridge Visitor Centers to guide your visit.

**Saturday, September 25th**  
***National Public Lands Day***  
**Minute Man National Historical Park**  
**Times: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
Join park staff and other dedicated park volunteers in a Day of Service. Help clean up trails, rebuild rock walls and remove invasive plant species in your National Park. Bring your work clothes and work boots. Register in advance by Wednesday, September 22nd. Contact Park Volunteer Coordinator, Roger Fuller at (978) 318 - 7824 or [roger\\_fuller@nps.gov](mailto:roger_fuller@nps.gov).

**Saturday, October 2nd & October 16th**  
***Battle Road Trail Walk***  
**Meet at Minute Man Visitor Center**  
**Time: 12:30 p.m.**  
(Repeat of June 5th program)

**Saturday, October 2nd**  
***Revolution at the Doorstep – Exploring Meriam's Corner***  
**Meriam House, Lexington Road, Concord**  
**Times: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**  
(Repeat of July 3rd program)

**Saturday and Sunday, October 9th & 10th**  
***His Majesty's First Regiment, Foot Guards***  
**At Hartwell Tavern**  
**Times: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
The 1st Regiment Foot Guards served through many bloody campaigns from New York to Virginia. Come and visit with the reenactors who portray this proud regiment. Watch them perform 18th century military maneuvers. See their uniforms and equipment and learn about life in the British Army during the American Revolutionary War.

**Saturday, October 9th**  
***Battle Road Heroes***  
**Hartwell Tavern Parking Area, Lincoln**  
**Times: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Tours leave every 15 minutes**  
(Repeat of April 24th program)

**Saturday, October 23rd**  
***Halloween Tales***  
**In the barn behind Hartwell Tavern**  
**Times: 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. (for young families) and 7:00 -8:30 p.m. (for everyone else)**  
Join Park Rangers and Volunteers in a very spooky setting for an evening of traditional New England ghost stories. There will be two performances of this event: an early, less scary show for parents with young children, and a later, scarier show for everyone else. FREE

**Wednesday, October 27th**  
***Haunting Hawthorne***  
**The Wayside, Concord**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
Celebrate Halloween with Nathaniel Hawthorne's chilling tales “Young Goodman Brown” and “The Minister's Black Veil.” Read by the author (portrayed by Rob Velella, independent literary scholar).



Our park map is available at our Visitor Centers.



The Battle Road Trail, The Wayside Barn as well as the Minute Man and North Bridge Visitor Centers are handicap accessible.

*For a complete listing of park events, please visit our web site: [www.nps.gov/mima](http://www.nps.gov/mima). All programs are subject to cancellation or delay due to inclement weather. Call (781) 674 - 1920 or (978) 318 - 7825 for more information.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Headquarters:

(978) 369-6993

North Bridge Visitor Center:

(978) 318 - 7810

Minute Man Visitor Center:

(781) 674 - 1920

Education Program  
and Group Tour Information:

(978) 318 - 7832

Visit us on the web:

www.nps.gov/mima

E-mail the park:


mima\_info@nps.gov

EMERGENCY 911

Communicate with us about your visit and experiences in the park.  
Please pick up a “Letter to the Superintendent” at a visitor center  
or write to:

Superintendent  
Minute Man NHP  
174 Liberty Street  
Concord, MA 01742


DIRECTIONS TO MINUTE MAN VISITOR CENTER



**From 95/128**  
Take Exit 30B, Hanscom Field/Concord, Route 2A west. Follow Route 2A approximately 1/3 mile. You will enter the park and see signs directing you to the Minute Man Visitor Center located less than one mile from I-95/Route 128**From Route 2 west bound (from Boston):**  
Travel west on Route 2 watching for signs indicating I-95/Route 128 north. Take I-95/128 North exit. Take 30B Hanscom Field/Concord. Follow directions above.

**From Route 2 east bound ( to Boston)**  
Travel east on Route 2 through Concord to I-95/128. Take I-95/128 north one exit to 30B and follow directions above.

**From North Bridge Visitor Center**  
Turn left out of the North Bridge Visitor Center Parking Area onto Liberty St. At the end of Liberty St. turn left onto Lowell Road and follow to Concord Center. At the traffic circle in Concord Center, drive straight through onto Lexington Road. You will be traveling east for approximately 2 miles. At the flashing light and stop sign turn left onto Route 2A East. Follow Route 2A East for approximately 3 miles, passing Hanscom Drive and Paul Revere Capture Site. The Minute Man Visitor Center parking area is on your left. Signs will indicate this parking area.



**Eastern National**  
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The museum stores at Minute Man NHP are operated by Eastern National. To contact the Eastern National bookstore at Minute Man National Historical Park, please call (781) 674 - 1920



Guided bus tour of Lexington, Lincoln and Concord.

Daily tours run May 29th - October 31st

The tour lasts 1.5 hours and riders are welcome to get off and see the sites at any of the stops. \$25 for adults, \$10 for children up to age 17. Children under 5 are free. Tickets available at the National Heritage Museum, the Lexington Visitor Center, Concord's Colonial Inn, or on the bus.

For more information, visit [www.libertyride.us](http://www.libertyride.us) or call 781-862-0500 ext. 702

North Bridge visited by Mobile Tea Room

Gay Grace Teas' Mobile Tea Room is serving freshly brewed hot and iced tea, scones, gourmet tea sandwiches, and treats. The tea room is found at the parking lot by the North Bridge Visitor Center. Tables are available. For more information please contact GayGrace Teas at 508-650-5797 or <http://www.gaygracetecas.com/northbridge.html>

Battle Road Farms Farm Stand

The farm stand, operated by F. Busa Farms, will offer pesticide-free, locally grown produce. Located at 955 Lexington Rd. Concord MA. (978) 371 - 2345

Bike Tours

Guided historical bike tours through Minute Man National Historical Park are available 7 days a week, April - November, and include bikes, helmets and snacks. For more information, contact Sue Merlino, Concord Bike Tours, (978) 697 - 1897 [www.concordbiketours.com](http://www.concordbiketours.com).

Friends of Minute Man National Park



FRIENDS OF  
MINUTE MAN  
NATIONAL PARK

If you are interested in helping the Friends protect park resources by building partnerships, championing the interests of the park and neighboring towns, and fostering an increased legacy of education and enjoyment for all, join us and become a member! For more information, pick up a brochure at one of the visitor centers or write to:

Friends of Minute Man National Park  
174 Liberty Street  
Concord, MA 01742  
Phone: (978) 318 - 7822  
email: [friendsofmmnp@nps.gov](mailto:friendsofmmnp@nps.gov)  
on the web: [www.friendsofminuteman.org](http://www.friendsofminuteman.org)

Support Your Park!

Education Programs



Minute Man National Historical Park offers a range of special programs for all ages, designed to complement the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. For more information please contact:

Education Coordinator  
Minute Man NHP  
(978) 318 - 7832  
E-mail: [jim\\_hollister@nps.gov](mailto:jim_hollister@nps.gov)  
[www.nps.gov/mima/forteachers](http://www.nps.gov/mima/forteachers)

Reservations for the 2010 - 2011 school year open June 1st.

Celebrate Minute Man’s Hidden Treasures



Thank a Volunteer today...

Volunteering for Minute Man NHP is a rewarding and fun experience. If you are interested in volunteering, Please ask Park Rangers for a volunteer application at one of our visitor centers or visit our website: [www.nps.gov/mima/supportyourpark](http://www.nps.gov/mima/supportyourpark)

New in 2010



**Jacob Whittemore House**  
Look for programs and hours at the newly renovated “witness” structure on the Battle Road Trail behind Minute Man Visitor Center.

**New Cell Phone Tour**  
Watch for “Dial to Discover” markers at different locations in the park to connect with our cell phone tour-available this summer!

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